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FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 2977, SENT SECSTATE PARIS INFO DAR ES
SALAAM MONTEVIDEO THE HAGUE 15 FEB:

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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION AT FAO L.A. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

REF: ROME 18073 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH HAVE AGAIN ASKED FODAG WHAT THE U.S.
POSITION IS ON INVITATIONS TO THE FAO LATIN AMERICAN
REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MONTEVIDEO,
URUGUAY, AUGUST 9-19, 1978. FRENCH HAVE BEEN
INFORMALLY TOLD THAT DG WILL SEND INVITATION TO
US, FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS TO COME AS OBSERVERS
TO L.A. REGIONAL CONFERENCE RATHER THAN AS MEMBERS
AS IN PAST.

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2. FRENCH POSITION IS THAT THEY ARE NOT HAPPY
ABOUT BEING INVITED AS OBSERVERS, BUT WILL NOT
OBJECT UNLESS USG OBJECTS. THUS FRENCH WANT TO
KNOW WHAT USG INTENDS TO DO. FODAG RAISED
ISSUE WITH DUTCH PERM REP WHO SAID HE HAD NO
RECENT INSTRUCTIONS, BUT BASED ON PREVIOUS
INSTRUCTIONS DUTCH WOULD INSIST ON FULL

MEMBERSHIP AT L.A. REGIONAL CONFERENCE WHERE
THEY PLAN TO BE REPRESENTED WITH DELEGATES FROM
ANTILLES.

3. A CHECK WITH DE CAPRONNA INDICATED THAT
FAO WOULD SEND OUT INVITATIONS TOWARD END OF
APRIL. DE CAPRONNA DID NOT KNOW TYPE OF
INVITATION US WOULD RECEIVE; BUT HE SAID
ISSUE WOULD BE CONFUSED, BECAUSE FAO REGIONAL
CONFERENCE WAS NOW GOING TO BE A JOINT MEETING
WITH ECLA, ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA.
THE U.S. AS A MEMBER OF ECLA WOULD BE INVITED
AS A MEMBER TO JOINT MEETINGS, BUT THERE ALSO
WOULD BE SOME SEPARATE SESSIONS.

4. DE CAPRONNA SAID THAT FAO AFRICAN REGIONAL
CONFERENCE (SEPTEMBER 12-22, ARUSHA, TANZANIA)
WOULD ALSO BE HELD IN CONNECTION, AS DISTRICT
FROM JOINT, WITH ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECLA)
AND WOULD CONCENTRATE ON AID MATTERS WITH INVITATION
TO US AS OBSERVER EXPRESSING DESIRE THAT AID
OFFICIALS ATTEND MEETING.

5. COMMENT: JOINT MEETING WITH ECLA
FURTHER CONFUSES QUESTION OF US MEMBERSHIP
IN FAO LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
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SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER MATTER AND COORDINATE
WITH DUTCH AND FRENCH. AT QUAI MME. MUSSO IS
ACQUAINTED WITH ISSUE. IF EMBASSY PARIS
TALKS TO MME. MUSSO, FODAG WOULD ALSO BE
INTERESTED IN HER READING OF CURRENT VISIT TO
FRANCE OF FAO D.G. SAOUMA WHO WAS TO MEET
PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE. GARDNER UNQUOTE. VANCE

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